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SUBJECT: THIRTEENTH SPECIAL MEETING OF THE IA-ECOSOC

1. FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF IA-ECOSOC GENERAL COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 12TH A.M. HEARD COMMENTS BY AMB. GEORGES MACIEL
OF BRAZIL, AMB. GALO LEORO OF ECUADOR AND AMB. VALERIE
MCCOMIE OF BARBADOS ON SANZ REPORT, AND SANZ' REPLIES TO
THEIR POINTS.

2. MACIEL SUGGESTED TIME AVAILABLE TO IA-ECOSOC NOT
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SUFFICIENT FOR ADEQUATE EXAMINATION OF COMPLEX AND IMPORTANT

REPORT, WHICH SHOULD THEREFORE BE INCORPORATED IN MATERIALS TO BE EXAMINED BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REORGANIZATION OF OAS.

3. HE THEN STATED BRAZILIAN POSITION ON FIVE QUESTIONS WHICH SANZ HAD POSED IN SUMMARY PRESENTATION IN OPENING SESSION. BRAZIL WOULD FAVOR FRIENDLY DIALOGUE, NOT LIMITED TO AREAS OF CONVERGENT INTEREST SUGGESTED IN SANZ REPORT, BUT EXTENSIVE TO FUTURE COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT. HE POINTED OUT THAT INTERESTS WHICH SANZ HAD DESCRIBED AS CONVERGENT (TRADE, RAW MATERIALS, FINANCE AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT) COULD ONLY BE DECIDED UPON IN GLOBAL FORUMS, WHERE HE DID NOT BELIEVE UNITED STATES WOULD JOIN IN COMMON FRONT WITH LATIN AMERICA. HE DID NOT RULE OUT SOME POSSIBILITY OF U.S. AND LATIN INTERESTS CONVERGING BUT IT WOULD SEEM MORE REALISTIC TO THINK IN TERMS OF CONSULTATION AND PARALLEL ACTION.

4. MACIEL DESCRIBED SANZ' OBJECTIVE OF SEPARATING DISCUSSION OF TECHNICAL PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPMENT FROM TRADITIONAL JURIDICAL AND POLITICAL DEBATES AS ONE HE COULD SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE BUT WOULD BE SKEPTICAL ABOUT ITS PRACTICABILITY.

5. BRAZIL WOULD ACCEPT OPENING THE FIELD OF COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT TO ALL HEMISPHERE COUNTRIES BUT WOULD OPPOSE THE PROPOSAL FOR THE CREATION OF AN EXCLUSIVELY LATIN AMERICAN MECHANISM WITHIN THE SYSTEM (WHICH HE READ AS SUPERSEDING CECLA).

6. FINALLY, BRAZIL BELIEVES THAT, IN SPITE OF FORESEEABLE DIFFICULTIES OF A POLITICAL AND JURIDICAL NATURE IN INCREASING PARTICIPATION BY EXTRA-HEMISPHEREIC COUNTRIES IN COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF LATIN AMERICA, THE ADVANTAGES OF SUCH PARTICIPATION IN OFFSETTING U.S. DOMINATION (NOTING THAT HE WAS QUOTING PRESIDENT NIXON ON U.S. DOMINATION) AND ENRICHING THE COOPERATION, WOULD MORE THAN MAKE UP FOR THE DIFFICULTIES.

7. LEORO WAS CONCERNED WITH PROPOSALS TO CREATE NEW UNCLASSIFIED

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ORGANS TO DO WHAT EXISTING ORGANS COULD DO.

8. MCCOMIE CHALLENGED SANZ' APPARENT DEFINITION OF CARIBBEAN AS MEANING ONLY THE THREE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN MEMBERS OF THE OAS WHEN IT SHOULD INCLUDE NOT ONLY OTHER CARIBBEAN ISLAND NATIONS (HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED CUBA) BUT GUYANA AND CONTINENTAL NATIONS FACING CARIBBEAN.

9. HE DISAGREED WITH IDEA OF CONVERGENT INTERESTS, ON GROUNDS THAT THEY WERE INCONSISTENT WITH OBJECTIVE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, WHICH IN HIS WORDS IS QUOTE TO HARMONIZE CONFLICTING SELF-INTERESTS OF NATIONS UNQUOTE. HE ADMITTED POSSIBILITY OF MUTUAL OR RECIPROCAL INTERESTS BUT REJECTED IDEA OF COOPERATION AS IMPLYING EQUAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ALL PARTIES, WHICH IS NOT CASE AS BETWEEN U.S. AND LATIN AMERICA.

10. HE ALSO REJECTED IDEA OF SEPARATING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DISCUSSIONS, SINCE DEVELOPMENT MUST INVOLVE ALL ASPECTS OF A SOCIETY. FINALLY HE ACCEPTED CONCEPT OF INVOLVING ALL NATIONS OF HEMISPHERE, CITING GUYANA AS CASE IN POINT, AND ALSO PARTICIPATION OF EXTRA-HEMISPHERIC NATIONS.

11. SANZ REPLIED TO MACIEL THAT HIS PROPOSALS ENVISAGED FORUMS LIMITED TO CONSULTATION, NOT NEGOTIATION NOR DECISION-MAKING. HE ASSERTED THAT HIS LATIN AMERICAN GROUP WOULD NOT REPLACE CECLA, BUT RATHER PROVIDE REGULAR MEETING PLACE WHERE LATIN NATIONS COULD DISCUSS WAYS TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN SUPPORTING EACH OTHER'S DEVELOPMENT. HIS IDEA OF SEPARATION OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FORUMS WAS TAKEN FROM EUROPEAN MODELS.

12. HIS ARGUMENT FOR CREATING SPECIALIZED AGENCY FOR DEVELOPMENT IS BASED ON NEED TO ACT QUICKLY TO GET EXTRA-HEMISPHERIC PARTICIPATION AND INJECT NEW LIFE INTO DEVELOPMENT PROCESS WHICH WOULD BE DELAYED FOR YEARS IF OAS CHARTER AMENDMENT WERE REQUIRED. HE HELD NO SPECIAL BRIEF FOR HIS OWN PROPOSALS WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE AS PART OF ITS MANDATE TO MAKE A WIDE-UNCLASSIFIED

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RANGING INVESTIGATION OF POSSIBILITIES FOR IMPROVING THE OAS.

13. HE RANG CHANGES ON THIS TUNE IN REPLY TO LEORO AND MCCOMIE, BUT ESSENTIALLY HIS MESSAGE WAS THAT U.S. AND LATIN AMERICA SHOULD VIEW THE PROBLEMS WHICH LIE BETWEEN US FROM LONG-RANGE RATHER THAN SHORT-RUN PERSPECTIVE, WHEN CONVERGENCE OF INTERESTS WOULD BECOME EVIDENT. IN ADDITION, HE INSISTED ON CRITICAL NEED, ESPECIALLY FOR SMALLER NATIONS OF HEMISPHERE, OF MULTILATERAL FORUM FOR CONSULTATION ON DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS. RUSH

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